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**Office Action Summary**

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Applicant(s)

KNIGHT ET AL.

Examiner

John B. Walsh

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10/3/2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103*

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,081,900 to Subramaniam et al.

As concerns claim 1, a method for tunneling (column 11, line 30) non-hypertext transfer protocol (HTTP) data streams through a reverse proxy, the method comprising the steps of: soliciting a secured connection with a reverse proxy protecting a back-end server computing device (figures 1 and 2); establishing a connection with said back-end server computing device via said reverse proxy through said solicitation (figures 1 and 2); and, responsive to establishing said connection, maintaining said connection (figure 2). As concerns the limitation of exchanging non-HTTP data over said secured connection without encapsulating said non-HTTP data within HTTP messages, Subramaniam et al. discloses one of ordinary skill in the art could use other protocols, such as FTP, for exchanging data (column 7, lines 65-67).

As concerns claim 2, the method of claim 1, wherein said soliciting step comprises the step of requesting a secured sockets layer (SSL) connection with said reverse proxy (column 3, line 25).

As concerns claims 3 and 11, wherein said requesting step comprises the steps of: acquiring an address for said reverse proxy and a port for establishing an SSL connection with

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said reverse proxy (inherent when communicating to acquire an address and port); further acquiring an address for said back-end server computing device and a port for establishing an SSL connection with said back-end server computing device (inherent when communicating to acquire an address and port); formulating an HTTP-CONNECT message using said acquired addresses and ports; and, writing said formulated HTTP-CONNECT message to said reverse proxy (figures 1 and 2).

As concerns claims 4 and 12, wherein said exchanging step comprises the steps of: formatting a buffer with real-time data; and, writing said buffer to said secured connection (column 3, lines 51-52).

As concerns claims 5 and 13, further comprising the step of performing authentication in said reverse proxy as a condition of establishing said secured connection (column 8, lines 40-41).

As concerns claim 6, a system for tunneling non-hypertext transfer protocol (HTTP) data streams through a reverse proxy, the system comprising: a reverse proxy disposed between a client computing device (column 3, line 15) and a server (column 3, lines 14-15) computing device in a computer communications network; an authentication process configured for operation in conjunction with said reverse proxy (figures 1 and 2, column 8, lines 40-41); a communications socket established between said reverse proxy and said client computing device (figures 1 and 2); and, a non-HTTP data handler coupled to said secured communications socket and programmed to write non-HTTP data to said reverse proxy without encapsulating said non-HTTP data within HTTP messages (Subramaniam et al. discloses one of ordinary skill in the art could use other protocols, such as FTP, for exchanging data column 7, lines 65-67).

As concerns claim 7, the system of claim 6, wherein server computing device is a real-time streaming media server, said non-HTTP data handler is a real-time streaming media client, and said non-HTTP data is real-time streaming media (column 5, lines 43-49).

As concerns claim 8, the system of claim 6, wherein said communications socket is a secured sockets layer (SSL) communications link (column 3, line 25).

As concerns claim 9, a machine readable storage having stored thereon a computer program for tunneling non-hypertext transfer protocol (HTTP) data streams through a reverse proxy, the computer program comprising a routine set of instructions for causing the machine to perform the steps of: soliciting a secured connection with a reverse proxy protecting a back-end server computing device (figures 1 and 2); establishing a connection with said back-end server computing device via said reverse proxy through said solicitation (figures 1 and 2); and, responsive to establishing said connection, maintaining said connection (figure 2). As concerns the limitation of exchanging non-HTTP data over said secured connection without encapsulating said non-HTTP data within HTTP messages, Subramaniam et al. discloses one of ordinary skill in the art could use other protocols, such as FTP, for exchanging data (column 7, lines 65-67).

As concerns claim 10, the machine readable storage of claim 9, wherein said soliciting step comprises the step of requesting a secured sockets layer (SSL) connection with said reverse proxy (column 3, line 25).

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***Response to Arguments***

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-13 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

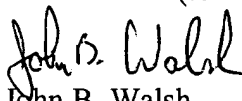
***Conclusion***

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John B. Walsh whose telephone number is 571-272-7063. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Wednesday from 5:30-4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Zarni Maung can be reached on 571-272-3939. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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